

WYCOMBE SLAM TEN

Wycombe Wanderers 10, Maltese Falcons 0

TOURISTS Maltese Falcons were completely outclassed by Wycombe Wanderers in last night's (Monday) friendly at Loakes Park. The Blues scored six goals before half time and added another four after the break with Steve Hill (4) and Ian Pearson (3) leading the spree.

The Falcons, who included three Malta internationals, were clearly unhappy with the English weather and conditions. On a rain soaked pitch they were unable to offer any sort of resistance against a re-shuffled Wycombe side.

A shaky offside trap caught Wanderers on several occasions but the tourists' defence could not cope with the aerial skills of Hill and the general pace of Wycombe's game. In the end it was just one way traffic towards the Malta net.

Pearson got the first after four minutes after Hill had cashed in on 'keeper Tebesco's mistake and two goals in two minutes by Mick Holifield and Hill made it 3-0. Hill soared above a static defence to head home Tony Horseman's

cross in the 27th minute and 60 seconds later Hill returned the compliment by crossing for Horseman to nod home unchallenged.

A snap header on the turn by Holifield completed the first half scoring.

Two goals by Hill in the first 12 minutes of the second half rubbed further salt into Malta's wound and although the Blues eased off a little, they still exposed the visitors defence which was forced to hand out some rather unsavoury tackles.

A superb diving header by Pearson and a runaway goal by Wycombe's top goalscorer completed his hat-trick and put Wanderers into double figures.

WYCOMBE: P. Spittle, J. Priestley, R. Davies (Sub D. Evans 45 mins), P. Birdseye, W. Roberts, P. Cruse, G. Fraser, M. Holifield (Sub R. Collins 45 mins); A. Horseman, S. Hill I. Pearson.

MALTESE FALCONS: V. Tebesco, J. Bajjado, A. Borg, S. Gouder, G. Zarb, D. De Battista, R. Cock, V. Magro, T. Gigglio, E. Morre, M. Spiteri.

Referee: W. Cleere (H. Wycombe).

Half time: 6-0. **Goalscorers,** Hill 4 (18, 27, 50, 53), Pearson 3 (4, 79, 88), Holifield 2 (16.35). Horseman (28).